

As a customer of a "smaller" Internet Service Provider (ISP), I am very much concerned about the recent petition filed by BellSouth to ask the FCC to stop regulating broadband service. The smaller ISPs are much threatened by such action, yet they provide a very valuable service to the communities around this country at very competitive prices. In general it is my belief that more competition benefits the consumers. Stopping to regulate the broadband service market will make it easier for large companies to capture essentially the entire market, with bad effects for consumers.

A recent example of a near-monopoly gone bad is the recent agreement reached between Microsoft and a number of states on issues of Microsoft mis-using their market dominance to the disadvantage of consumers.